

**SCOUT RALLY DEC. 14**

Anyone wishing to learn of Boy Scout activities, their work, and what they represent should visit American Legion Hall Thursday, December 14, when a general rally will be held. They will go through their work, do stunts of all kinds and receive instructions from heads of the Scout organization. Chaplain Matthews and Dr. H. F. Clayson of San Pedro will address the gathering. All moneys collected by the local order is to be used by them and for furthering the Scout activities in this district. Great results are expected from this rally.

America can probably get Europe's debt paid anytime it is willing to lend the money to pay it with.

**"MY DAD"**

The unflinching heroism of a youth in his efforts to prove his father innocent of a murder, in which he was supposed to have been implicated, forms the theme of "My Dad," a thrilling drama of the snow lands, in which Johnnie Walker even excels his brilliant performance as the "black sheep" in "Over the Hill." In this instance, Johnnie is a good boy. Not only is he obedient, but he is brave to the point of recklessness. His thrilling dash through the frozen trails to procure the evidence with which to prove his parent innocent is one of the most gripping episodes ever depicted on the screen. "My Dad" comes to the Torrance Theatre, Sunday and Monday, December 17-18.

**IT'S TOASTED  
one extra process  
which gives a  
delicious flavor**



**BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY**



By J. L. MARTIN

It is all right to look like an agriculturist, and to act like one, if you are not depending on farming for your living.

**AGRICULTURIST:** A rubber-tired farmer who eats and sleeps in town, farms on paper and lives in an automobile. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 62.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Modern Woodmen of America will hold the election of officers next Wednesday night, December 13.

**MARVEL OF CENTURY IS DOBLE CAR**

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fect a steam automobile that completely overcame all former difficulties of steam automobiles. He took this car to New York in the winter of 1916 and 1917 and exhibited it in Grand Central Palace at the National Auto Show. This car was the sensation of that show and drew the biggest crowd that any automobile has ever drawn at that show. A company was started in Detroit and in ninety days after the initial showing of his car at the show orders were received for 11,032 automobiles, accompanied by deposits of nearly \$100,000. So heavy was the incoming mail that the post office official refused to deliver it, as 50,000 letters were received the first few days. No sooner had the plant been started than the United States priority board closed the plant down for the period of the war because of the shortage of steel needed for vital war time industries. Since 1917 Abner Doble has spent over \$100,000 in refining and perfecting the car, which was shown in 1916, and today the Doble Steam Motors Corporation is building automobiles that are five years ahead in mechanical construction and design of any automobile on the American market today.

Many of the mechanical features of the Doble car have smashed accepted principles of engineering practice to smithereens. The Doble car is in exactly the same position as the giraffe at the circus, when the old farmer took one look at it and said, "There ain't no such animal." Doble has shown the automobile world that his steam plant is practical and that the principles he has applied are correct.

The following paragraphs contain an outline of the features embodied in the Doble car:

The burner is patterned directly after the gas car principle, being a double Venturi tube through which the air is blown. We have to blow the air through the carburetor, whereas the gas car sucks the air; otherwise the principle of carburetion is the same. A spark plug is located directly in the passage of this combustible mixture, which ignites the fuel as it is blown into the combustion chamber.

To start the car it is only necessary to turn an electric switch, open your throttle and go. The factory has guaranteed that the car can be started from absolute "cold" in not to exceed thirty seconds from the time the electric switch is turned on.

There are no gears to shift, no spark to retard, no starter to step on, no choker to pull out, no clutch—simply the turning of the switch and the opening of the throttle. When the switch is turned on it starts a small blower motor and also starts the spark plug. This blower forces the air through the carburetor where the fuel is picked up and ignited by the spark plug. When the steam pressure has reached a predetermined pressure (usually set at 750 lbs.), the blower automatically cuts off and the fire consequently stops. The driver has nothing to do with the coming on and going off of the fire, as this is all regulated by thermostatic and pressure control.

The steam generator and the com-

bustion chamber are described in detail in the full page advertisement appearing upon another page of this newspaper.

The engine is a two-cylinder cross compound. The high pressure cylinder has a 3 1/2-inch bore and a 5-inch stroke, while the low pressure cylinder has a 6-inch bore and a 5-inch stroke. The engine is located on the rear axle, being integral with the rear axle. The elimination of gears and gear shifting levers is effected by having the crank shaft gear mesh directly with the large gear on the differential. The car is geared one and one-half to one.

The brakes are 4 1/2 inches wide and are cooled by flanges across the face of the brakes.

The balance of the equipment of the car is the usual pumps, generators, etc., and the car is fitted with the finest equipment obtainable.

The Doble Steam Motors Corporation has licenses on about forty patents and thirty-nine applications covering their thermostatic control, firing by electricity, combustion system and pump control by electrical solenoid device. This corporation is the parent company, and is a Delaware corporation, with no stockholders' liability, and the stock is non-assessable. It is capitalized for 500,000 shares of Class A common stock, with a par value of \$10.00, and 50,000 shares of Class B common stock, no par. The Class B stock was given to the Doble family for their thirteen years of work, and their many thousands of dollars spent in developing the car, and for turning over to the corporation the exclusive rights to manufacture and sell all Doble products and the exclusive use of the name Doble.

The Class A stock is preferred as to assets and the holders of Class B stock have waived all dividends on their stock until the Class A stock has received an eight per cent minimum dividend, to be cumulative after January 1, 1924.

There is no preferred issue, no bonded indebtedness, no liabilities against the Doble Steam Motors Corporation.

Only 65,000 shares of the stock of the corporation are being offered, at \$12.50 a share. This issue is being sold in California only. The profits of the company will accrue from the sale of not only the Doble automobiles, but from the sale of the Doble truck and from royalties that the company will enjoy from application of its power plant to donkey engines, mine hoisting engines, power boats, aeroplanes, etc.

The Doble steam car can be manufactured for one-third less than any gas car of corresponding wheel base. The cars and trucks can be sold at a net profit to the company far in excess of the profits enjoyed by gas car makers, and the Doble company can sell more automobiles and trucks at their own price than they can produce in the next five years. It is the only automobile in the world that is guaranteed for three years, and whose power plant is guaranteed for 100,000 miles.



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